# CITY OF WICHITA CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP --- TENTATIVE AGENDA

City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Board Room June 28, 2005 9:30 am

### Potential Grant Funds – Wichita Fire Department Estimated Time: 20 minutes

The Wichita Fire Department has prepared a Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant application to assist with funding 17 new fire fighters. The grant requires that the City match an increasing proportion of the firefighters salaries over a four-year period and in the fifth year of the grant the City must absorb the entire cost of the positions funded as a result of the grant. The SAFER grant will pay up to \$1,700,000 and the City must match \$3,205,762 over the five-year life of the grant. Staff will explain the terms and conditions of the grant and the time line for submittal of applications.

### Water and Sewer Rates Estimated Time: 30 minutes

The Water and Sewer Utilities have projects programmed for extension of services to the rapidly developing areas in and around Wichita, plus continuing upgrades in services and treatment capacity. Both utilities need funding for new mains, and the reconstruction or replacement of existing mains, and for new treatment facilities. The Water Utility has programmed funding to implement the long-term Water Supply Plan and the Sewer Utility has identified funding for other major capital projects such as pump stations. A rate increase will be needed to fund the operation, maintenance and capital needs of the utilities.

## Storm Water Utility Estimated Time: 30 minutes

The Storm Water Utility constructs, reconstructs and maintains the City's storm water drainage system, including storm sewers, catch basins, streams, and drainage-ways. Proposed projects total over \$64 million with \$10,500,000 funded from the general property tax. Additionally, the proposed CIP includes several drainage projects within arterial projects. An ERU rate increase is proposed to address the many drainage projects throughout the City.

#### Bus Tour of Housing Projects

11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Lunch will be served during the tour

As part of the celebration of National Homeownership Month, the City Council will tour housing projects for first time home buyers that are scattered throughout the City.

#### Press Conference (KITE and IBM)

2:30 p.m.

The Kansas Institute for Technical Excellence (KITE) and the IBM Corporation will hold a press conference on a new technical training initiative. The press conference will be held at:

Engenio Information Technologies, Inc.

#### 3718 North Rock Road